

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A spinal orthopedic device and tool set, comprising
an intervertebral spacer device having first and second baseplates mounted to one another such that the first and second baseplates are articulatable relative to one another, wherein at least one of the baseplates has at least one engagement hole on a perimetrical region of the at least one of the baseplates; and
a manipulation tool having a distal end supporting an extendible and retractable post that when extended is engageable with the engagement hole and when retracted while so engaged holds the baseplate against the manipulation tool, such that the at least one of the baseplates is manipulatable using the manipulation tool.
2. The spinal orthopedic device and tool set of claim 1, wherein the at least one of the baseplates has a plurality of engagement holes and the post is engageable with any of the plurality of engagement holes.
3. The spinal orthopedic device and tool set of claim 2, wherein each of the plurality of engagement holes is at a respective desired surgical approach aspect of the at least one of the baseplates.
4. The spinal orthopedic device and tool set of claim 3, wherein each baseplate has an inwardly facing surface and an outwardly facing surface; and wherein the baseplates are mounted to one another such that the inwardly facing surfaces face one another and the outwardly facing surfaces face away from one another; and wherein one of the inwardly facing surfaces has the plurality of engagement holes.
5. The spinal orthopedic device and tool set of claim 3, wherein one of the desired surgical approach aspects is an anterior aspect of the at least one of the baseplates.

6. The spinal orthopedic device and tool set of claim 3, wherein at least one of the desired surgical approach aspects is an antero-lateral aspect of the at least one of the baseplates.

7. The spinal orthopedic device and tool set of claim 1, wherein the at least one of the baseplates has three engagement holes and the post is engageable with any of the three of engagement holes.

8. The spinal orthopedic device and tool set of claim 7, wherein each of the three engagement holes is at a respective desired surgical approach aspect of the at least one of the baseplates.

9. The spinal orthopedic device and tool set of claim 8, wherein one of the desired surgical approach aspects is an anterior aspect of the at least one of the baseplates.

10. The spinal orthopedic device and tool set of claim 9, wherein each baseplate has an inwardly facing surface and an outwardly facing surface; and wherein the baseplates are mounted to one another such that the inwardly facing surfaces face one another and the outwardly facing surfaces face away from one another; and wherein one of the inwardly facing surfaces has the plurality of engagement holes.

11. The spinal orthopedic device and tool set of claim 9, wherein the other desired surgical approach aspects are a left antero-lateral aspect and a right antero-lateral aspect of the at least one of the baseplates.

12. The spinal orthopedic device and tool set of claim 1, wherein the at least one engagement hole has a longitudinal axis parallel to both an anterior-posterior plane and a medial-lateral plane of the intervertebral spacer device.